

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2007

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, August 13, 2007 in Conference Room 4 and 5, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Lesser called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Lesser
Vice President Duba
Commissioner Freeman
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of the audience followed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lesser reported the following:

- Thanked Staff and 5K Run/Walk Committee for publishing a two page article in the County Digest detailing the upcoming LA County Run for Health.
- Governor Schwarzenegger appointed Lindy DeKoven, of Los Angeles, to the California Commission on the Status of Women. She has served on the Commission since 2006 and is currently first Vice Chair.
- Shared information on an upcoming training scheduled for August 22, 2007 in Rancho Cordova for women seeking appointments.
- Attended the Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women's 30th Anniversary Celebration and Launch of the Survival Guide for Individuals, Families and Organizations on Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Western Justice Center in Pasadena.
- Commented on the King Harbor Closure and reported that the Board of Supervisors will meet today. The closure will affect women and their families.
- Announced that Vice President Duba will be representing the Commission at the Females on Fire Los Angeles Women's Music Festival on August 25, 2007.

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Distributed copies of the memo regarding the Los Angeles County Public Health Department Food Policy Campaign Smart Snackers.
- Reminded interested Commissioners that a Brown Act Training is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007.

UPDATE ON THE 5K RUN/WALK

Vice President Reiko Duba, Chair of the 5K Run/Walk Committee shared a letter from Melissa Salvador, former scholarship recipient thanking the Commission for her scholarship. Ms. Salvador has earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from California State University of Bakersfield and will be attending Graduate School working towards a Masters of Social Work. Vice President Duba also reported that the Nike Run will be on the same day and same time as the Commission's 5K Run/Walk and this may affect the number of entries received. The Committee will continue to work hard to ensure the event is a success.

President Lesser reported that she attended the L.A. Leggers meeting in Santa Monica and distributed entry forms and information on the 5K Run/Walk. Commissioner Yolanda Becerra-Jones announced that Polido Farms will donate oranges.

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones arrived at 10:22 a.m. constituting a quorum)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2007

On motion of Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Vice President Duba, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the minutes of July 23, 2007.

(Commissioner Pinedo arrived at 10:25 a.m.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Older Women's: Pat Wilson, Committee Member announced that the Committee will be meeting today at 1:30 p.m. to discuss Older Women's Conference in 2008 in the Second Supervisorial District.

Health: Commissioner Tanberg announced that the Health Committee will meet on Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Domestic Violence: No report.

Gender Equity: No report.

Legislative Committee: No report.

Education Committee: Commissioner Becerra-Jones reported that half of the 2007 scholarship recipients have accessed their funds and the remaining half will probably access them after school begins in September. She has also been calling the scholarship application partners to remind them to submit their applications.

Media/Public Relations: Commissioner Freeman shared a DVD created by Ian Govednik. Prior to the DVD being played a retrospective picture slide show has various pictures of each of the Commissions events.

(Commissioner Tanberg arrived at 10:34 a.m.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Greenstein, Board President of Women at Work, invited the Commission to attend the Medal of Excellence Luncheon recognizing outstanding contributions made by women in companies, organizations and government entities. Ms. Greenstein also offered to send an email blast to her contacts regarding the Commissions LA County Run for Health on September 15, 2007.

Geneviève Clavreul shared several articles written regarding the King Harbor closure and commented that the entire healthcare system is in jeopardy.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Second District Community meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2007 from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The Junior Blind of America would like to co-sponsor the event and host the event at their facility. The Commission suggested inviting women's commissions from Compton, Lynwood and the City of Los Angeles.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda): None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m. in memory of Margaret Parker, wife of a long time priest from the St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach, who at 94 years old passed away and worked tirelessly for the rights of women through the church and the greater community.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Charlotte Lesser, President
Reiko Duba, Vice President
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Peggy Freeman
Wadie Gravely
Ruth Jernigan
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia Rodriguez
Bobbi Jean Tanberg

EXCUSED

Ruth Creary
Karin Davalos
Elise ZeBrack
Janet Mummey, Esq.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel and Twila Kerr Executive Office
Elaine Rodriguez, OAAC

GUESTS

Geneviève Clavreul
Sandy Greenstein
Huynh So
Pat Wilson